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U-2 GRC MISSION C278C

JUSTIFICATION

25X1C This mission is in response to the USIB requirement for photographic coverage of high priority targets in the Formosa Strait. [REDACTED] graphic coverage of targets in this area. The 303 Committee has approved four photographic missions for the month of December 1968. This U-2 aircraft, [REDACTED] will remain 20 NM off the Communist China mainland.

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TARGET DATA

This mission has been designed to cover 24 COMIREX targets in the Formosa Strait. There are 2 [REDACTED] targets also covered. These COMIREX targets include two airfields, nine army military complexes, seven naval installations, four electronic sites, and two coastal defense sites.

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PREVIOUS COVERAGE

The last U-2 flight near this area was Mission C168C on 20 October 1968. The most recent satellite photography which covered segments of the targets include the following:

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TARGETS

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>COMIREX NO. & NAME</u>
1.	Lo Hua Island
2.	Kouchi Island
3.	Kou Chi Shan Possible Army Barracks
4.	Chen Chien Shan Army Barracks
5.	Land Kang Shan Possible Army Barracks
6. 25X1A	Wo Ching Tou Port Facilities
7.	Chang Tu Shan Tao Army Barracks
8.	Pai Chuan Army Barracks
9.	Ting Hai Army Barracks E.
10.	Ting Hai Naval Base and Shipyard
11.	Kuan Chuang Tsun Shipyard
12.	Liu Heng Army Bks E.
13.	Hai Men Hq 16th BD Division
*14.	Lu Chiao A/F
15.	Pu Men Cheng Possible Electronics Site
16.	Pu Men Chang Naval Installations
17.	Tinghai Radar Site
18.	Pei Ling Peninsula Cruise Missile Site
19.	Hai Tan Tao AW Radar Facility (Tat'ing)
20.	Liu-Shui Probable Coastal Defense Site
21.	Ping Tan Army Barracks SW
22.	Ta Chiu Sigint and Radio Comm. Site
23.	Ping Tan Naval Base
*24.	Lung Tien Airfield (Fu Ching)

* Indicates  Targets

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OPERATIONAL DATA

DISTANCE : 1106 NM
TIME : 2+56
T/O FUEL : 895 GALS
HI CONE : 250 GALS
PROFILE : MAX ALT
TAKE OFF TIME : 0200Z 19 December 1968
2100 18 December 1968, Wash., D.C. Time

VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE

No confirmed operational surface-to-air missile sites are known to be within lethal range of the flight path. The nearest known SAM site is approximately 40 NM from the projected route of the aircraft. The mission aircraft will come within range of the seven MIG-21s located at Wuhu Airfield.

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This IDEALIST Mission as planned herein is approved.

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